



CLALLAM COUNTY HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES of April 4, 2022

MEETING OF THE HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)

Chair Paul Gleeson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2022. Also present were Paula Hunt, Roberta Griset, Larry Lang, David Brownell, Mike Doherty, Judith Stipe, Margaret Owens and Nancy Messmer. HAB Members appeared in person and by video.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Stipe moved to approve as presented, Griset seconded, motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 7, 2022

ACTION TAKEN: Hunt moved to approve the minutes as presented, Lang seconded, motion carried unanimously

BUSINESS ITEMS

- 2022 Heritage Fund budget applications - Review and Recommendations

a. Review Project Eligibility

Roberta—Housekeeping question about why there is a distinction between small and large projects.

Paul answered:

- i. \$2500 and under is small project
- ii. Grant requests over \$5000 are broken into phases

b. Review the tentative ranking

The tentative ranking for the small and large project were reviewed to see if the committee agreed with initial ranking based on the individual committee member rating. The committee agreed with the rankings without discussion or question. Discussion noted that these scores are preliminary ratings and are used to guide the final scoring and dispersal of funds.

Small projects

- 1) 22-01 North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders \$2,500

Large projects

- 2) 22-02 North Olympic History Center \$4,950
- 3) 22-03 Sequim Museum & Arts \$5,000
- 4) 22-04 Dungeness River Nature Center \$10,000
- 5) 22-05 New Dungeness Light Station \$13,200
- 6) 22-06 Port Angeles Fine Arts Center \$7,950
- 7) 22-07 Port Angeles Waterfront Center \$15,000

c. Review project application and select elements to fund

Small projects

1) 22-01 North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders \$2,500

- a. Judy supports the project. Asking for money to "prime the pump".
- b. Roberta—great project with historical interest
- c. Nancy—the engine has been a project of HAB for a long time. Good to see an organization interested in it. Labor of love.
- d. David— supports the project
- e. Margaret—until the asbestos is removed, the project can't be completed

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- f. Larry—small amount of money requested, beyond asbestos abatement to be done by the City of PA, will not be enough to complete the project
- g. Mike—supports the project. Where is Rayonier on this project, considering the contribution to the project as they did for the engine in Forks? City of PA could use some lodging tax for this purpose.
- h. Paula—Great historical context. Also asking for support from Rayonier, "it's their asbestos."
- i. Gleeson asked for a motion. Lang moved to award NOPR with \$2500 to get the project started. Margaret seconded. Motion carried

ACTION TAKEN: Lang moved that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders be fully funded at the amount of \$2,500, Owens seconded, motion carried unanimously

Large projects

2) 22-02 North Olympic History Center \$4,950

- a. Lang, Gleeson and Brownell recused
- b. Margaret facilitated discussion
- c. Judy supports the project. This is the intent that the HAB grants are for.
- d. Roberta supports the project. "They can use the money". No objections.
- e. Mike supports the project. "This is not the *active preservation* of history." NOHC may want to consider applying for City of PA lodging tax due to the nature of this project.
- f. Paula supports the project. "This is one of those un-sexy but necessary projects."
- g. Margaret supports the project of preservation.
- h. Margaret asked for a motion to fully fund the project. Nancy moved, Mike seconded. Motion carried

ACTION TAKEN: Messmer moved that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by North Olympic History Center be fully funded at the amount of \$4,950, Doherty seconded, motion carried with six yeas and three abstentions

3) 22-03 Sequim Museum & Arts \$5,000

- a. Margaret in favor of supporting the project
- b. Paula—questions of historical significance of the schoolhouse itself, and its use as rental space. Gleeson clarified that the adaptive reuse qualifies in this situation.
- c. Mike supports. The school is an iconic structure.
- d. Roberta—I don't think that there is any question about the project. How many historic buildings are in public use?
- e. David supports especially since they are providing a greater match than the request
- f. Nancy—The use of the historic structure for public purposes
- g. Gleeson asked for motion. Lang moved. David seconded. Motion carried

ACTION TAKEN: Lang moved that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Sequim Museum and Arts be fully funded at the amount of \$5,000, Brownell seconded, motion carried with eight yeas and one abstention

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4) 22-04 Dungeness River Nature Center \$10,000

- a. David recused because he is on Tribal exhibit committee
- b. Nancy—not sure if they have other sources of money available. The project is well supported. Perhaps not fully fund if total HAB funds are not available.
- c. Judy—one of the best funded organizations. If it were me, I'd give them \$1000.
- d. Roberta—as far as the project goes, it sounds wonderful. But not sure if HAB should be the organization to fund the project.
- e. Margaret—I gave it the highest rating. Based on the application I felt it was the best of the projects we are considering
- f. Paula—Question about purchasing items from the tribe to create exhibits. The tribe is also funding the project.
- g. Mike—supports the project, but not sure at what level. The interpretive center is not just about tribal history.
- h. Larry—supports the project, but it seems to be otherwise well funded.
- i. Gleeson—recommends that the grant be partially funded at \$4000.
Mike moved that the project be partly funded at \$4000; Roberta seconded.
Motion carried

ACTION TAKEN: Doherty moved that Phase 1 of the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Dungeness River Nature Center be funded at the amount of \$4,000, Griset seconded, motion carried unanimously

5) 22-05 New Dungeness Light Station \$13,200

- a. Mike is aware of the history of the Light Station. Great model for other preservation projects. The amount may be excessive if we are over budget otherwise. The timber for the flagpole could be donated.
- b. Margaret comments that there is no itemization for the costs of the project.
- c. Judy is not sure why the project should cost as much as they are asking for.
- d. Roberta is concerned that the replacement flagpole will not last. She is concerned about the level of public use of the Light Station to justify the cost.
- e. David agrees with the general discussion considering the expected longevity of a wooden flagpole. Perhaps use a carbon fiber pole that can be made to look like wood.
- f. Roberta moved that the project not be funded because there is no breakdown of cost and no bid package. Nancy seconded. Motion carried.

ACTION TAKEN: Griset moved that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Dungeness Light Station not be funded, Messmer seconded, motion carried unanimously

6) 22-06 Port Angeles Fine Arts Center \$7,950

- a. Lang recommended that the project be fully funded
- b. Mike supports the project
- c. Paula is unsure if the dollar amount that is requested is sufficient
- d. Margaret commented about the poor condition of the storage as it presently stored. Their storage must be improved if for no other reason
- e. Judy commented that not all of the collection is Esther Webster's art. Not sure if all of her other things need to be preserved. Asking for too much money.
- f. Roberta—not great objection
- g. Paula—Webster's had historic significance in Port Angeles

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- h. Mike—Esther documented the location during her time. The architectural significance of the Fine Arts Center is locally significant
- i. Nancy—It seems that they need to recreate the inventory of their holdings
- j. David—Historic preservation of historic material. In favor of funding
- k. Paul recommends that it be funded in entirety. Larry moved. David seconded. Motion carried. 7 yea, 2 nay

ACTION TAKEN: Lang moved that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Port Angeles Fine Arts Center be fully funded at the amount of \$7,950, Brownell seconded, motion carried with seven yeas and two nays

7) 22-07 Port Angeles Waterfront Center \$15,000

- a. Gleeson, Brownell and Lang recuse. Margaret facilitated the discussion:
- b. Margaret—no breakdown of expenses; how it will be spent. What we would be endorsing is unknown text or content of forest exhibit. The message is potentially very controversial
- c. Paula—no breakdown of cost. Funding by timber industry is problematic concerning the message that may be portrayed. No real sense of urgency
- d. Mike—using money from fundraising that they might be appealing to entities in the timber industry which has not been given yet. The presentation is as a marketing piece. Why is the timber industry the point of focus, vs fishing, etc.
- e. Roberta—the grant request was put in before the recent \$1M bequest. The county attorney's statement indicates that the project is already fully funded. They did not fill out the application correctly.
- f. Judy—thrilled that "that big, beautiful building is up."
- g. Judy moved to not fund the project. Paula seconded. Motion carried 6 yea, 3 abstained.

ACTION TAKEN: Stipe moved that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Port Angeles Waterfront Center not be funded, Hunt seconded, motion carried with six yeas and three nays

Determine funding level for projects:

Total awards= \$24,400 of \$40,000. We are not funding the Light Station and the Field Center projects due to incomplete funding requests in that they did not provide a breakdown of costs and related quotes. What are our options for the unobligated funds (\$15,600)? Can the unobligated funds be returned to the Heritage Fund to be used at a later time?

HAB Recommendations to the BOCC

HAB recommends funding the following Grant requests.

22-01 HAB recommends that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders be fully funded at the amount of \$2,500

22-02 HAB recommends that Heritage Grant proposal submitted by North Olympic History Center be fully funded at the amount of \$4,950

22-03 HAB recommends that Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Sequim Museum and Arts be fully funded at the amount of \$5,000

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22-04 HAB recommends that Phase 1 of Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Dungeness River Nature Center be funded at the amount of \$4,000.

22-06 HAB recommends that Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Port Angeles Fine Arts Center be fully funded at the amount of \$7,950.

HAB recommends not funding the following Grant requests.

22-05 HAB recommends that the Heritage Grant proposal submitted by New Dungeness Light Station Association not be funded.

22-07 HAB recommends that Heritage Grant proposal submitted by Port Angeles Waterfront Center not be funded.

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Joan Quigley's memorial was last Saturday. We will include Joan Quigley's obituary in the notes (See attached).
- NOHC has an on-line auction that just started.
- Send field trip suggestions to Paula Hunt for discussion at the May meeting.
- 2021 report reminders have been sent to 2021 Heritage Fund grant recipients. The reports are due on May 1. We will review them at the June meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATES: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 6p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: Hunt moved to adjourn, motion carried unanimously